

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Attached hereto is one (1) sheet of corrected drawings that comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. The corrected drawings incorporate the following drawing changes:

Figures 3 and 4 are amended to include a legend entitled "Conventional Art".

It is respectfully requested that the corrected drawings be approved and made a part of the record of the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are pending in this application. Claims 1 and 9 are independent. In light of the remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner objected to the drawings. The Examiner further rejected claims 1-3 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kanda et al. (USP 5,438,484) and rejected claims 4-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kanda et al. in view of Yokoyama et al. (USP 5,450,292). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Drawings

The Examiner objected to the drawings asserting the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. The Examiner asserts that the L-shape, U-shape, and the O-shape fluorescent lamps are not shown in the figures. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertions.

Element 4 in the Figures clearly depicts fluorescent lamps as is set forth in the specification and in the claims. For example, Figures 1 and 2 show L-shaped lamps 4 enclosed behind reflector 5. Figure 5 shows a U-shaped fluorescent lamp 4A and a straight lamp 4B, while Figure 6 shows an O-shaped fluorescent lamp 4C. As the

elements are clearly depicted in the Figures, Applicants respectfully request that the outstanding objection be withdrawn.

The Examiner further objected to Figures 3 and 4 asserting they should be designated by a legend such as --PRIOR ART--. By this amendment, Applicants have amended Figures 3 and 4 to include a legend entitled Conventional Art. Based upon this amendment, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding objection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Pending claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, "a light guide plate including incident portions through which light originated from the light source enters and an emitting portion for emitting the entered light; and a chassis including a first recessed portion having a first depth and on which the light source is located and a second recessed portion having a second depth deeper than the first depth and a size adjusted for the light guide plate and on which the light guide plate is located".

The Examiner asserts that claim 1 is anticipated by Kanda et al. referring to Fig. 25. Applicants respectfully disagree with these assertions.

Kanda et al. discloses a backlight source device (display board for displaying finished products) used for the backlight source for display such as a billboard. It includes light sources

1 and a reflection board 2. The surface 23 for displaying such contents is a representation displayed on a diffusion board 3. The display is protected by an outer housing 6 (see column 13, lines 49-58, and Figures 25).

The Examiner asserts that the outer housing 6 of Kanda et al. teaches the chassis of the present invention and the diffusion board teaches the light guide plate of the present invention. Applicants respectfully disagree.

First, Kanda et al. fails to teach or suggest a light guide plate including incident portions through which light originated from the light source enters and an emitting portion for emitting the entered light. The diffusion board of Kanda et al. does not include the incident and emitting portions as claimed.

Second, Kanda et al. fails to teach or suggest a chassis including a first recessed portion having a first depth and on which the light source is located and a second recessed portion having a second depth deeper than the first depth and a size adjusted for the light guide plate and on which the light guide plate is located.

Assuming, *arguendo*, that in Kanda et al., the outer housing has a recessed portion for holding the diffusion board, this still does not teach or suggest the chassis as claimed. Claim 1 clearly states a first recessed portion having a first depth and on which the light source is located. The light source of Kanda et al. is

located in the bottom of the outer housing and is not on a "first recessed portion". Claim 1 also recites a second recessed portion having a second depth deeper than the first depth and a size adjusted for the light guide plate and on which the light guide plate is located. Assuming, *arguendo*, the portion at the side of the outer housing holding the diffusion board of Kanda et al. as a recessed portion, it is still not deeper than the first depth of the first recess.

Therefore, the invention as claimed in claim 1 is not anticipated by Kanda et al. as Kanda et al. does not disclose all of the features of pending claim 1. Thus, the outstanding rejections should be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-8 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1, at least based upon their dependency upon claim 1. It is further respectfully submitted that claim 9 contains elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1 and, thus, claim 9 is not anticipated by Kanda et al.

#### Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Cathy M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the

telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.


If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: One Sheet Corrected Formal Drawings

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